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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND
AGENCIES, AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

SUBJECT: Joint Financial Management Improvement Program—
Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Awards

The Principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) are seeking nominations for the 1981 annual Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Awards, formerly the Financial Management Improvement Awards. These are the only awards sponsored by the Federal Government which specifically recognize exceptional and distinguished leadership in governmental financial management. As one of the JFMIP Principals, I encourage you to recognize executives in your organization who have excelled in financial management. These awards provide you with the opportunity to acknowledge senior financial management executives who, through outstanding and continuous leadership in financial management have been principally responsible for significant economies, efficiencies, and improvements in the public service.

Last year the JFMIP recognized Marcus Page, Director, Financial Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency and Robert Cronson, Illinois Auditor General.

The JFMIP is accepting nominations of Federal, State, or local government employees who are senior executives and have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished leadership resulting in effective financial management improvements over the years. Nominations should conform to the criteria and format in the attached brochure. Four copies of each nomination should be submitted to:

Awards Committee
Joint Financial Management Improvement Program
666 11th Street, NW
Suite 705
Washington, D.C. 20001

All nominations must be received by JFMIP before January 8, 1982. Engraved plaques will be presented to those selected for awards at JFMIP's Annual Financial Management Conference in March 1982, in Washington, D.C.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Charles A. Bowsher

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Attachment

The JFMIP Annual Awards Program

Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award

**For Distinguished Leadership
In Financial Management Improvement**

**To Be Presented By
The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program**

**Sponsored By:
General Accounting Office
Department Of The Treasury • Office Of Management And Budget
Office Of Personnel Management**

DONALD L. SCANTLEBURY MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP
IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT

BACKGROUND

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) of the Federal Government is a joint and cooperative undertaking of the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management working in cooperation with each other and with operating agencies to improve and coordinate financial management policies and practices throughout the Government. The JFMIP was authorized by the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950.

The JFMIP has sponsored the Financial Management Improvement Awards Program for the past 10 years. This is the only award sponsored by the Federal Government that is specifically directed to excellence in financial management. This year the award has been designated as the Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award in honor of Mr. Scantlebury who was the Chief Accountant of the General Accounting Office and the chairperson of the JFMIP Steering Committee. The award, recognizing exceptional and distinguished leadership in financial management in the public sector, is administered by the Principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program--the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

To recognize senior financial management executives who, through outstanding and continuous leadership in financial management, have been principally responsible for significant economies, efficiencies and improvements in Federal, State or local government.

TYPE OF AWARD

Awards, consisting of engraved plaques, will be presented at JFMIP's annual Financial Management Conference in Washington, D.C., in March 1982.

ELIGIBILITY

Federal, State, or local government employees who are senior executives and have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished leadership resulting in effective financial management improvements over the years are eligible to be nominated for the award. Previous nominees may be renominated provided that they meet the other provisions of this announcement and are updated to include the latest achievements of the nominee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Awards Committee will base its determinations on two factors: sustained leadership in financial management and specific accomplishments in financial management. For purposes of this award, the term "financial management" has been interpreted to include, but is not limited to, the following areas: Accounting, Auditing, Automatic Data Processing, Budgeting, Cash Management, Control and Allocation of Resources, Cost Reduction, Financial Systems Development, Management Analysis, Planning, Productivity Measurement and Improvement, and Financial and Performance Reporting.

The Awards Committee will give substantial weight to sustained, high-quality leadership in financial management over the years considering:

1. Measurable improvements in financial management technology or methodology resulting from the nominees' accomplishments.
2. The extent to which the improvements would have been impossible or significantly lessened without the nominees' involvement.
3. Originality of nominees' accomplishments.
4. The impact of the nominees' accomplishments on governmental financial management policies and practices.
5. The extent of long-term or lasting benefit of the nominees' accomplishments on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of governmental operations.

The Awards Committee will also consider a series of specific accomplishments of the nominees, for which the nominee is primarily responsible and where the results can be measured specifically in terms of improvement in service, substantial savings, or significant technological progress adaptable to a wide range of governmental financial management operations. Some examples of specific accomplishments are:

- Development of procedures or organizational measures which resulted in substantial improvements in the integration of management, budgeting, and accounting.
- Significant contributions to the government-wide financial priorities program.
- Development of a financial system which furnished full cost support for cost-based budgeting.

- Implementation of a unified financial management information and control system.
- Development and implementation of a major financial management training and improvement program.
- Establishment of a comprehensive audit system based on improved cost savings and increased audit coverage.
- Development of productivity measurement methods using existing financial management systems.
- Implementation of a fully integrated program structure which provided systematic interpretation of output and performance data in terms of unit costs.
- Improvement of a cash management system resulting in greater availability of funds, better utilization of cash assets, significant upgrading in controls, etc.

Past award winners are listed on page 4.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Federal agencies are encouraged to use incentive awards program channels for solicitation and selection of nominees. No more than three nominations should be submitted from the head of each Federal department and independent agency or a high official from State and local governments to:

Awards Committee, JFMIP
666 11th Street, NW. Suite 705
Washington, D.C. 20001

The following information should be submitted for each nomination:

1. Name, title and, if Federal service, grade
Business address and telephone number
Chronology of government service
2. Brief narrative description of the nominee's qualifications for the award in conformance with above selection criteria, together with the agency or department head's personal evaluation and recommendation.

Four copies of each nomination must be received by JFMIP on or before January 8, 1982, to be eligible for consideration for the 1981 Awards. All nominations received after this closing date will be returned.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

<u>1980</u>	Marcus Page Director, Division of Financial Management Environmental Protection Agency	Robert Cronson Auditor General State of Illinois
<u>1979</u>	June Gibbs Brown Inspector General Department of the Interior	Anthony Piccirilli Auditor General State of Rhode Island
<u>1978</u>	Frank L. Greathouse Director, Division of State and Municipal Audit State of Tennessee	William M. Henderson Fiscal Affairs Specialist Department of the Treasury
<u>1977</u>	Rear Admiral James R. Ahern Deputy Comptroller of the Navy	Lloyd F. Hara Auditor King County, Washington
<u>1976</u>	Alice M. Rivlin Director Congressional Budget Office	Joseph T. Davis Assistant Commissioner (Administration) Internal Revenue Service
<u>1975</u>	Terence E. McClary Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Department of Defense	John E. Dever City Manager of the City of Sunnyvale Sunnyvale, California
<u>1974</u>	Bernard B. Lynn Director Defense Contract Audit Agency	Martin Ives Deputy Comptroller State of New York
<u>1973</u>	Edward W. Stepnick Director, HEW Audit Agency	Robert R. Ringwood State Auditor, Wisconsin
<u>1972</u>	Robert C. Moot Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)	Richard E. Miller Associate Assistant Secretary for Administration Department of Labor
<u>1971</u>	J. Patrick Dugan Treasurer-Controller Export-Import Bank	John P. Abbadessa Controller Atomic Energy Commission

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Memorial Awards

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	RECEIVED	FORWARDED	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. Executive Registry 7E-12 Hdqrs.			<p>A nominee was not selected for this award during the Office of Personnel's annual public service awards review. Since the invitation for nominations has been issued on a blanket basis, we recommend that no response be made and no further action be taken on this awards program.</p> <p>Attachment</p> <p>[Redacted Box]</p>
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